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Dear Staff,

I am writing to you in regard to the possibility of a closure of the Commission Office at Hope, MN. I believe, as do many of our townspeople, that this may be an inappropriate move by the U.S. Post Office Department.

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I am referring to three very large businesses that use our Hope Post Office extensively. We have SUNRICH which totally employs over fifty people. They deposit and pick up mail daily.

Krause Feed and Supplies Co. is a big user of our Post Office. About 125 end-of-the month statements go in the mail along with all of the returning checks to the business coming in the mail. Items are also mailed out and received by the business.

Along with that is our First National Bank Branch at Hope with all of the end-of-the month bank statements being mailed out.

On the south edge of Hope is the Owatonna Gun Club's firing range. A mile to the east is the Hope Oak Knoll Campground.

In town, we also have Thompson's business called The Shop which services cars and trucks. There is Spurgin's Bar and Grill which does a good business. Another tavern is next to it. Hopefull Treasures is an antique and second-hand store. We also have the Hope Community Center which is used for meetings, rummage sales, and various celebrations. We also have the First Lutheran Church of Hope located here. Another business that is of utmost importance to our community is the Hope Creamery which makes butter by using the old churning methods. It has contracts with about 40 bakeries, grocery stores and restaurants in the Twin City areas as well as many other surrounding stores in our area.

I have stated this information to let you know that we, in Hope, are a vibrant community who certainly feel the need to keep our post office up and running.

Perhaps another evaluation might be made with more visits and at different times of the month which might be a more valid indicator of the needs to continue operation.

Thank you kindly for any further consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Doris Krause

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